



Ubandale
United
Church of
Christ

God is still speaking

A Just Peace and Open and Affirming congregation

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are invited and welcome here."

September 9, 2018

10:00 a.m.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The liturgical color for the Sundays after Pentecost is green representing the growth and vitality of the Church.



SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY

Liturgist: Diane Dornburg

Ushers & Greeters: Adam Dirks, Jim Nervig, Diane Gladson, Ruth Rasmussen

Acolytes: Sunday School Kids

Nursery: Anjy Allen & Susan Joynt

Opening the Church: Today, Jeff Couch Next Sunday, Mark Siegel

Sound Booth: Jon Duvick

Flowers were given by Jo Lilley in memory of her mother's birthday.

GATHERING

We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Nametags and information packets are available at the welcome table at the main entrance to the sanctuary. Childcare is available in the nursery for children ages birth through seven. Please see an usher for location if you wish to use the nursery.

GREETING

"Anything will give up its secrets if you love it enough. Not only have I found that when I talk to the little flower or to the little peanut they will give up their secrets, but I have found that when I silently commune with people, they give up their secrets also - if you love them enough."

~ George Washington Carver

TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Lord, Revive Us"

Gilbert Martin

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES *Their flames symbolizing God's Spirit.*

❖ *This symbol invites the congregation to stand in body or spirit*
Bold type indicates a unison response

❖ CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

(Based on Isaiah 35:4-7)

ONE: People of God, what shall we say to those whose hearts grow faint?

ALL: Take courage! Don't be afraid! God is coming and you will be saved!

ONE: People of God, how can those whose minds are closed receive the Good News of God's love?

ALL: There will be new eyes for seeing and new ears for hearing! Feet and legs will dance anew and voices long silent will be freed to praise!

ONE: People of God, the world can be harsh and inhospitable. What chance do we have of making a difference?

ALL: The driest desert can become lush and green! The deepest drought can be broken by rain! So too can God make a way out of no way. Praise the God who restores life!

❖ OPENING HYMN

“God Is Here! As We Your People Meet”

Hymnal 70

❖ INVOCATION

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, VOLUNTEERS & YOUTH LEADERS

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

“I Will Sing Praise”
Adult Choir

Joseph Martin

COVENANTING WITH NEW MEMBERS

HYMN OF WELCOME AND RIGHT HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

“I Am One Voice”

I am one voice and I am singing... (solo)

We are two voices, we are singing... (two voices)

(Congregation, rise and join in singing.)

❖ **We are God’s people, we are singing... (ALL)**

❖ **This is our story, we’ll keep singing... (ALL)**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 35:4-7 (The Inclusive Bible)

⁴ Say to all those of faint heart: “Take courage! Do not be afraid! Look, YHWH is coming, vindication is coming, the recompense of God – God is coming to save you!”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will be unsealed.

⁶ Then those who cannot walk will leap like deer and the tongues of those who cannot speak will sing for joy.

Waters will break forth in the wilderness, and there will be streams in the desert.

⁷ The scorched earth will become a lake; the parched land, springs of water.

This passage presents a difficulty in that the language and style of chapters 34 and 35 are of a much later period than what precedes and follows them. They could almost stand alone as oracles of judgment against Edom contrasted with God’s saving actions toward the conquered people of Israel. Some scholars speculate that Edom must have had some hand in the destruction of Jerusalem to warrant such a harsh judgment, but there is no other Biblical or historical evidence of this.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SERMON

“Saved!”

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God, our heavenly Father and Mother, may your name be sacred to us. May your realm become a reality for us. May your desires be fulfilled among us as they are in your courts. Give us today what we need for life. And forgive us for our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us. Guide us in tempting situations, and protect us from the power of evil. For the realm that is coming, the power that is growing, and the glory that is building, all belong to you forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

ONE: God is good!

ALL: All the time!

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ALL: God is good!

ONE: Let us share the goodness of our God!

When the offering plate comes to you, we invite you to hold it for a moment and consider the many gifts that you can share. You may pray for a person or a ministry; you may commit yourself to a specific act of compassion; or you may resolve to work on a relationship that is in need of repair. Allow the Spirit to guide your thoughts.

OFFERTORY

Meditation on "Darwall's 148th"

arr. Gilbert Martin

Please sign the Pew Pad and pass it to your neighbor.

❖ DOXOLOGY

tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ CLOSING HYMN

"Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed"

Hymnal 537

The candles are extinguished.

God's Spirit remains as a living flame in the hearts of God's people.

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Grand Choeur"

Theodore Dubois

Please reshelve the hymnals and put this used Bulletin in the recycle basket.

PRAYER CONCERNS

To list someone in this section, *with their permission*, please email staff@urbucc.org by the weekly bulletin deadline.

Keep in your thoughts and prayers:

Jamel Carter...Don Walters...Diann Miller

And our dear ones: **Alma Sims...Lee & Margaret Messenger**

To notify the staff of a prayer concern, or to send a note of caring and support to someone, please use the cards in the pew rack and drop them in the offering plate. Please indicate whether prayer concerns should be forwarded to our Prayer Chain. Notes will be mailed on Tuesday, provided we have the recipient's full name and the sender's signature.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides prayer shawls to people experiencing difficult circumstances or life transitions. For more information, email prayer.shawls@urbucc.org.

This Week at UUCC

Homecoming Sunday, September 9

9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation
10:00 am Worship: Commissioning of Sunday
School Teachers & Joining New Members
11:15 am Homecoming Picnic
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Monday, September 10

6:00 pm Green Boat

Wednesday, September 12

9:30 am Caregivers
5:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner
6:45 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Adult Choir
7:30 pm AA

Thursday, September 13

7:00 pm Leadership Team

Saturday, September 15

1:00 pm Days for Girls
3:00 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church
6:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

Upcoming Sundays

Sunday, September 16

9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation
10:00 am Worship: 3rd Graders Receiving
Bibles
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Sunday, September 23

9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation
10:00 am Worship
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

YOU are invited to:

What: Annual church picnic

When: TODAY (right after worship)

Where: Lion's Park Gazebo area

Why: For a simple picnic meal and opportunity to socialize with others (without an agenda)

ALL FOOD AND DRINKS ARE PROVIDED!!!

A small donation would be helpful, yet not necessary.

Sunday School & Adult Spiritual Formation 9:00-9:45 am

Preschool to 5th grade will meet in the Sanctuary for Singing w/ Bobby & Alex from 9-9:10 am then up to the Upper Ed Wing for Bible Study Time.

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6-12th graders will meet in the NW corner of Fellowship Hall

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Adult Spiritual Formation (ASF) ~ 9:00-9:45am in Fellowship Hall:

Today: Muffins with the Moderator, Gail George

Next Week: Just Peace Sunday: Wisdom Cries Out

Presenters: Pastor Dave Sickelka and Diane Dornburg

What it means to be a Just Peace congregation, our history and preview for Adult Spiritual Formation 2018-19.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERFAITH ROCK THE BLOCK

A great way for new and old UUCS members to meet each other is by volunteering for the **Saturday, October 13th**, Habitat for Humanity InterFaith Rock the Block work day. You will be able work alongside other UUCS members while helping to repair homes and revitalize two Des Moines neighborhoods. You do not need to be an expert carpenter/painter/landscaper etc. You just need to have the desire of helping your fellow neighbor. Everyone is encouraged to join in the fun/fellowship of working together.

Here's the link, which will lead you to slots reserved for specific congregations and groups as well as those open to the general public:

<https://gdmhabitat.secure.force.com/volunteer/VolunteersJobListingFSC?jobld=a0G6100000FINLC>

Please email me, jerrydwoods3@gmail.com, after you've signed up online, so I have an idea as to how many volunteers UUCS is providing. Call Jerry at 515-250-5089 or Mark Siegel at 515-971-0142 if you have questions.

About one week or so prior to the event, everyone who has signed up online will receive an email with directions on where to meet, the date/time of their shift, and a link to an online safety course which is highly encouraged.

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Days for Girls Sewing Day

Saturday, September 15th from 1-4 PM in Fellowship Hall

Can you help us have 10 bags ready to send to ASAH (African Soul American Heart) girls in Africa?

We will need sewing machines (and operators) with bright pink thread, sergers (and operators) with bright pink thread, irons, ironing boards and of course snacks! If you aren't into sewing, you can cut ribbon, iron, assemble kits, open soaps, etc. Lots of hands will make this fun and successful.

If you know you can attend, please let Jennifer know so we can set up for you. Please email potf2@msn.com or call/text: 515-577-7980.

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SEASON OF CREATION ~ Walking Together Through Our Sacred Creation

A series of events in honor of Earth

September 11th, 7:00 pm Waveland Hall of Plymouth UCC, 4126 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines

The Seventh Generation: An Indigenous Perspective on Creation Care

Rev. Nikira Hernandez-Evans

Nikira Hernandez-Evans is a queer, mixed-race minister, activist, and healer. She draws on her Native Paiute ancestry, her studies in Environmental Justice and United Church of Christ traditions to inform her preaching and teaching. Nikira is currently serving as Associate Minister at Plymouth UCC.

NEW MEMBERS:

Carol and Tim Leadingham

We are newer residents in Des Moines having moved from North Idaho the end of June. After visiting Carol's son and his family August 2017 we said why not move there? No forest fire smoke, lower cost of living, lots of older homes on tree lined streets. We can surely adapt to summer humidity and the sound of cicadas. There are good size UCC churches...sounds good...the rest should be easy.

A Bit About Us

We were married in August of 2007 so for our age we are comparatively newlyweds. Tim was born in Ohio. After college he moved to Central Washington for a 30-year career as a Forest Management Planner. Since then he has earned a degree in accounting and has worked as a certified tax professional. He looks forward to sharing his skills in planning, budgeting and stewardship of financial and earth resources with others.

Carol grew up in Western Washington. She taught school for 24 years in Alaska. After retiring from teaching, she took a few years off before she started a second career working at the local public library for the past 12 years before moving to Iowa. Now she considers herself retired and is ready to explore new opportunities, adventures and ways to be meaningfully involved with others. For fun Carol enjoys, walks/hikes, gardening, learning more about birds of the Midwest and reading.

Julie Luepke

Julie grew up in multiple countries, and currently lives in Des Moines, with several plants. Julie enjoys reading, writing, poetry slams, movies, comics, and the internet. By day she works at a cafe.

Alex Kimzey

I'm originally from McAllen, Texas and I've been in Iowa for 8 years. I live in Des Moines with my husband Joe, our two cats and a dog. I was finishing up my last semester of my Veterinary Technology degree at DMACC and wanted to take up voice lessons. Steve Linn was my accompanist and asked me to join UCC choir and I've loved it from day one!

Jenny Coughlin

My name is Jenny Coughlin and I live in Urbandale with my husband Kyle, our son toddler son Arlo, and our dog Iggy. I am originally from Central Wisconsin and came to Iowa for graduate school (Iowa State University) where I met Kyle. We lived in Omaha for about 4 years but decided to move back to Des Moines to raise our family. I have a degree in Environmental Geology and work as an Environmental Analyst for MidAmerican Energy Company. In our free time, we like spending time outdoors, cooking, traveling, and going to sporting events. I enjoy knitting and crocheting, and I have joined the prayer shawl ministry. Everyone at UCC has been so friendly and welcoming; I look forward to getting to know others in the congregation!

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"We welcome into this community of faith, and affirm the participation in all aspects of church life, persons of every age, race, gender identity and expression, nationality, ability, and sexual orientation. We will continue our efforts toward inclusiveness, and stand against all forms of discrimination. We will empower ourselves, our children, and one another to be fully present in the world, living in Christ's image and striving for justice and peace."*

***The statement adopted 25 years ago did not include the words "identity and expression".**

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